

whom do you find there delving over dry papers of literature? Those only who have left the circles which once surrounded them and are bound to get on this higher platform—those who are trying to elevate themselves that they may elevate others. Not that the needs of the age have forced them there—by no means—but because they can more profitably work from this platform.

Finding this then to be the preponderant class in the higher institutions of learning in these Provinces, it most plainly argues that there must be a fault somewhere, and where can it exist if not in the fact that the need of such an education is not distinctly set forth at the proper time and place. Too many parents fear that if their sons or daughters once breathe the air of a mathematical, classical, or scientific hall that they will forever be debarr'd from the so-called, plainer pursuits of life. But here is just where the trouble arises. If they go to those seats of learning with the feeling that the knowledge there obtained would only fit them the better for such spheres in life as for a time they had left, or prepare them to enter upon those more useful and advantageous, then no doubt larger benefits would accrue, both to the sender and the sent. But so long as the feeling pervades that in the halls of literature and art a spirit exists which lifts a man above any honest pursuit, just so long will the youth of the land be wanting in that training requisite for the proper discharge of the several duties of life. Can it hurt a farmer to know the constituent elements of the soil he cultivates, or be able to determine the depth of a well by the falling of a pebble? Will it lessen his enjoyment if he can translate Homer and Horace? By no means. Then make the youth feel that such knowledge will elevate his mind, and better enable him to grasp the grand laws and teachings of nature around him, and he will readily seek it, and, when obtained, use it in the legitimate way. Too many of our youth do not feel the necessity of an education simply because the advantages properly arising therefrom are never placed before them. Many there are who would willingly strive and sacrifice to obtain it if only they were impressed with its worth. Do not then conceal its value. Let the light shine up on the diamond and it will reflect, in beautiful rays, the tints which its virtues impart.

When the proper inducements are held out and accepted the next essential is the selection of a suitable place for study. In this many things are to be considered. The morals of the youth must be cared for as well as his intellectual training. Hence it is that seats of science should be as far removed from those places where any exhibition is held that would

in any way darken the finest moral character; yet not so secluded that the lessons of practical life from the world without should be lost. Then the morals are not the only thing necessary. A strong and healthy body is requisite for a sound and vigorous mind and this must be carefully looked to in the location of your institution. Having found a place possessing as many of these primary requisites as possible, if the teachers do not feel the importance of the moral and physical as well as the intellectual development, the proper end will never be attained. The youth will walk forth to face the battles of life, crippled. He will be shorn of his locks and unable to fight with the Philistine.

DONATIONS to the new Academy building will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by Profs. J. F. Tufts and D. M. Welton—members of the Agency Committee at Wolfville. The work is important and money much needed to carry it forward.

SOME KIND FRIEND OR FRIENDS, have favored us with a piece of original (?) poetry, for publication in the "ACADIA ATHENÆUM."

The scene represents a gentleman with a bad cold, but inspired by the "sentiments of true affection."

Poor Fellow, we should judge from his vivid imagination and florid description that he is not wanting in the "sentiments of true affection," how much soever he may lack the fire of poetical genius.

As we read the brilliant effusion we were forcibly reminded of that elegant stanza in "Gray's Elegy:"

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

But we feel inclined to deal leniently with the anonymous author of said poem as we consider he must have labored under peculiar disadvantages.

The purest joy is unspeakable—the most impressive prayer is silent, and the most solemn preacher at a funeral is the silent one whose lips are cold.

The love of popularity seems little else than the love of being beloved; and is only blamable when a person aims at the affections of a people by means in appearance honest, but in their end pernicious and destructive.

Items.

JOKE No. 1; "SOCIAL CALLS!!"

Canvasser for our paper enthusiastically, Mr. — will you become a subscriber for that excellent sheet, which the Students of Acadia propose establishing?

Mr. — No, I take a large forsheet paper now; but confound you, I don't want the project to fail: here's ten cents to carry it on.

Critical Prof. You will observe a remarkable coincidence between that line of Persius, and one in the first Satire of Horace. I would not, as some, venture to charge the former with plagiarism; for you must remember that language has not been made over to any favored individuals, for their own particular use. Writers must necessarily often fall into the same form of expression.

Soph. in low tone. I shall remember that in composing my essay for the Christmas exhibition.

1st. Junior, Bill I don't know a word of this Political Economy.

2nd. Junior, No matter for any one can recite that simple stuff, who has a good conscience, common sense, and a—a—an open book.

Senior, How are you advancing in chemistry?

Freshman Sadly, Yes, we are advancing, we finish the other side of the fly leaf tomorrow.

ONE of our Students received the following answer to his enquiry for a boardinghouse. No, Sir, I cannot accommodate you, my daughters don't care about taking young men—to board.

ON DIT.—That the cards for the next reception at the Seminary have not yet been issued.

THINK before you speak what you shall speak, why you should speak, about whom you are to speak, what will come from what you may speak, what may be the benefit from what you may speak, and, lastly, who may be listening to what you may speak. Turn your speech seven ways, and there will never come any harm from what you have spoken.

It has been observed that certain politicians were very good bloodsuckers, and got some good bites, but then a score of others got good bites out of them, and sucked their blood. As Swift says—

"So naturalists observe, a flea
Has smaller fleas that on him prey;
And these have smaller still to bite 'em:
And so proceed ad infinitum."